

# CONOVER NEIGHBOR



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## Conover Fall Cemetery Clean-Up



The City's annual Fall Cemetery Clean-Up will take place on November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Those who have loved ones in any of the city cemeteries should be advised that the cemetery maintenance staff will be removing all weathered or out-of-season flower arrangements. Also, any toy, trinket, vase, jar or anything determined unsightly or undesirable will be removed. Please have your personal items removed by November 5<sup>th</sup>. All new flowers may be put out November

11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and must be displayed in permanent vases attached to markers. For further information or questions, please contact City Hall at 828-464-1191.

## Conover Farmers Market – Holiday Market



Conover Farmers Market will hold their Holiday Market on November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Conover Post Office parking lot (109 1<sup>st</sup> Street East). Join them for fresh produce, local meats, handcrafted gifts and beautiful home décor for the holiday season. This special market attracts over 50 of the best vendors in the Catawba Valley region. There will be something for everyone, even fresh North Carolina Christmas trees and wreaths! [www.conoverfarmersmarket.org](http://www.conoverfarmersmarket.org)



## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in the Park

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. The City of Conover will hold its 30<sup>th</sup> annual “Christmas in the Park” at the Conover Downtown Park at 5:30 p.m. This year's community event will feature choruses from local schools, hayrides by Foothills Antique Power Association and the Annual Tree Lighting. The Conover Fire Department will provide hot chocolate, coffee, cider, and cookies. As always, we expect Santa to stop by sometime around 7:00!



### Planning Ahead:

**City Council:** Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Conover City Hall

**Planning Board:** Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Conover City Hall

**City Hall will be closed November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving**

## **Santa Cops**

The Conover Police Department sponsors Santa Cops each Christmas holiday season. This program provides children with an unforgettable Christmas and helps provide presents to over 150 children per year. Consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to this great program. More information can be found on the City's website at:

[www.conovernnc.gov/santacops](http://www.conovernnc.gov/santacops) or [www.facebook.com/SantaCops](https://www.facebook.com/SantaCops)



## **Fall Leaves and Storm Drains**

Most of us put leaves at curbside for pickup by the City's Public Works Department. That's great, unless they are placed in the street! Rain carries leaves placed in the street straight to the nearest storm drain. In large quantities, they can block the drains and contribute to localized flooding. In smaller quantities, the storm drain takes them to streams and creeks where they cause havoc with the ecosystem.

But haven't leaves been falling into streams and creeks forever? Sure, and if each creek or stream only had to handle what fell into it naturally, they'd be just fine. But by the time you and your neighbors rake your yards, that's more leaves than a creek or stream can handle. A great alternative to placing leaves at the curb is to compost and add them back to the lawn or your garden and flower beds.



**If you do blow or rake your leaves to the front yard for pick up, please remember it is a violation of the City of Conover Code of Ordinances and a misdemeanor to place them on the street side of the curb or on the street itself!**

## **Recycling Update**



Word has gone out that recycling habits need to change for us to be able to provide markets with clean, usable materials. The days of bagging recyclables and throwing things in the carts just because they are a type of plastic or metal or even "look" recyclable are over (even if the packaging has a recycle symbol on it). We, as a community need to work together to clean up our recycle stream in order to be able to provide our recycler with a better quality material.

We are working on a sticker design that will fit atop the 96 gallon containers that are currently in place within the City to help citizens understand what now goes into the carts. The new motto is "when in doubt, throw it out". After all, everything that has a "recycle symbol" on it is recyclable right? Short answer, yes- just not in our recycle stream at this time.

Please visit [www.conovernnc.gov/recycle](http://www.conovernnc.gov/recycle) for updated information. We, along with many other local governments in the state, have partnered with Recycle Right NC in a campaign to help clean up the recycle stream going to the various recyclers in our state. We have started leaving tags on carts that are not in compliance with the new standards in an effort to raise awareness of the need to change how we recycle. Additionally, City Staff would be glad to meet one on one with residents to address concerns and issues. Let's all work together to clean up recycling in Conover!

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For further information contact Sanitation Supervisor Wayne Mays at 828-464-4808.

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